(b) whether Government have received any proposal seeking revival of the aerodrome and resuming air service; and

(c) whether Government have taken initiative in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no commitment from any airline to operate schedule flights through Cooch Behar Airport.

(c) No, Sir.

Upgradation of Raipur Airport

2860. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are any proposal with Government to upgrade the airport in Raipur;

(b) if so, by when the said upgradation work would start and be completed; and

(c) what funds are involved for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) Airport Authority of India (AAI) has a proposal to strengthen and extend runway, apron and associated facilities.

(b) AAI has requested State Government to acquire land for the purpose and hand over to AAI. Taking up these works will be subject to the land becoming available. Works will be completed in about 18 months after award.

(c) No estimates have been prepared in the absence of land availability.

Renovation of Varanasi Airport

†2861. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the schemes for the renovation of Babatpur airport in

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.